

Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2008

Board Members Present: Ginni Greer, Tim Balough, Jim Mauch, Cara Doyle, Tanya Micek, John Carr

Others Present: Cindy, Webb, Craig (Park County GIS), Linda Balough

Welcome Board Meeting

Approve minutes with minor corrections to be updated – January's minutes.

Budget, a few minor expenses.

Cara will provide this years budget in an excel spreadsheet and send out. Send Cara any items for consideration.

Treasury report \$3467.40 + \$20. from SnowClimbs, + \$400 donations from avalanche seminar. Cara provided 2 receipts for reimbursement. 4<sup>th</sup> quarter taxes for Jill and has a 3<sup>rd</sup> one to submit PO Box.

MoonWalk Pin receipt! Action Tanya to email to John

Cara will check with John regarding 990 form to file for charitable organizations.

GPS Intern position for mapping – Registered at CSU, Red Rocks Comm College with Forest program. Colorado Mtn College.. Breck, Co Springs and BV. Craig submitted to GIS list serve. Offer from Geosearch. Does placement and offered internship postings for free. Success rate for other positions.

Trails mapping update – John suggested meeting to discuss last summers data. John requested that between Craig and Cara; need physical list of items for assets list. Need Serial numbers off equipment and camera and we should review insurance MOU (memorandum of Understanding).

Craig Barraclough– Trail Mapping Project suggestions. Note --many hours are contributed by the county. Discussed lessons learned and suggestions as to how to move forward. Qualified candidate is very important. Since MRHI is starting earlier this year to post the position, hopefully there will be a better pool of candidates. See 1. Someone who knows this area is a plus. GPS systems should be ready to go. There were some Trimble problems last year but Park County GIS will work to fix them before the intern begins in order not to lose time. This year, suggested more review of project timeline and progress... post on website for update / status. Would like to see more structure this year. Suggested MRHI prioritize areas more specifically for mapping. Focus on one area at a time. Goal: 100 miles of trails mapped this summer. Last year's results somewhat

questionable. May need to break mapping into two parts. Inventory trails and other points of interest. Goals focus on running trails and how many pictures for points of interest. List of landmarks to show (document) reference for trail, e.g. bridge, logs, erosion, ridges, creeks, and then history or scenic or points of interest... Cara mentioned concern regarding difficulty of time/funding to bring back mapping another summer.

Plan A is to try to manage it with the intern first. Plan B – phased approach or use of follow up volunteers. Ginni will ask Dave to send area trail information to add to the database. Cindy and Webb suggested getting basic skeleton information this summer, then add narrative, then add pictures.

Agreed that after MRHI is down to the final few candidates will request Craig to do an interview as well. Work station is available. Cara has 4 applications.

Cara presented receipts for donations. As she is looking at grants, a consistent item / question is 'do board members donate cash'? It looks good if board members can provide a Cash donation. Ginni will keep a list in order for members to write down the items.

Colorado 14ers. Jessica will provide GIS internship runner-ups to us for review for possible MRHI intern position.

Request a report from John. Jim will take action item.

Trails Plan:

Cara updated group regarding progress. Chris and Sara (USFS) unable to attend today's meeting. Colorado State park grant. 2 year trail planning... GPS intern to map trails and additional personnel to research ownership. From that, a plan was to be created. Cara explained there are many different plans from different organizations, trail map styles and options. National Park Service has provided examples.... Group to decide which format would be 'cool'. Working with NPS/trail planning expert – Kay Salazar. Also, there may be opportunity to work with Chris Prew who has to pick a trails project 😊

Need another Public meeting for Spring. Check with Kay's schedule for May. Cara will contact Kay. Idea: Combine annual meeting with Public meeting in May. After discussion, decided 2 separate meetings would be preferable. Volunteers can each take a part of the tasks... break down for work distribution / management. Cara requested Ginni head final trail plan effort and she agreed. Attending board members have approved Ginni in a paid position. Tim motioned that Ginni is the most qualified person. Jim seconded it, all in favor. Approved. John relayed that having a statement of work, Craig suggested a cap, payroll by Jill, x hours and payment rate. Funds for research in Co State Parks grant budget.

Ideas for promoting interest in the organization and volunteers. Reps for product demos, bonfires, ski or hike, band, buffet, bbq, speaker, party, music, afternoon gig at SP, sponsor a hike (cons in May but for a later sponsored event). Discussed reconnecting with early MRHI stakeholders, worth time to reconnect.

Annual meeting is May 10<sup>th</sup>. Vote for adding new Board members and officer election to be held. Meeting location will be Alma Town Hall. Request \$10.00 lunch donation. Meeting at 10:30 meet and greet, 11:00 meeting, lunch at 12:30. Ginni will arrange food. Discussed ways to encourage greater attendance for annual meeting—hike, party, etc but decided to keep to traditional meeting.

Idea was suggested to hold photo contest for great shots of specific trails or activities. Could do Promos with 14ers, REI, OutYaGo, etc.

All involved at meeting encouraged to recruit more board members.

Grant. Cara would like to submit a grant to the Summit foundation. Discussed priorities for request. Possible options include paying for website or server costs to have interactive maps, pictures, printing costs, educational campaign, trail education – leave no trace, tear off MRHI membership cards, posters or educational for motorized, historical information, mining hazards, map of private ownership. Need to clarify what we can request for. Forest service can usually help with tools. Linda suggested interpretive signing vs. forest trail signs. Kiosk is also a possibility. Linda would like to see some \$ for better signs...

Another budget item. Spot locators and 911 system for GPS satellite locator system. Cara may be able to contact CFI to see what they have found to be most effective. Craig will let Cara know any other ideas.

Idea for next year's fundraising -- Craig's idea --Continue speaker series but look for grant \$ to supplement cost and attract bigger names. Good neighbor grant could be a possibility.

Ginni will work with Chris for work days. MRHI will working with volunteers for 6/27 work day. Campsites needed for CFI. Sweet Home site might be a possibility. Also, Mayor Mark Dowaliby and Nancy Comer said volunteers can camp on town property. Coordinator will need to send email to recruit MRHI volunteers and also a reminder. Track volunteer hours. Ginni could provide trail dates and then we can all help until settled, e.g. rotate responsibility for recruitment.

Ginni will be added as a moderator on the list serve.

Poker Glide plan discussed. Need snowmobile for set up and break down. And supplies or emergency.. Search and Rescue? Fire station? Jim will follow up. Need 4 volunteers. Ginni in and out parking lot, Will be BC person, John will be closest, Cara will be 3<sup>rd</sup>. Check in as early as 9:30. Meeting site is up Buckskin where road is plowed

to near by Paris Mill. The last poker card will be given at the AOB. Route is simple and there is a short and a long course. Need signs at street corner, will post signs. Include route description map to send to board members. Tanya will ask Lance about tent and or heater. Group discussion to purchase MRHI caps (\$6.00 each) w. embroidered logo and Stickers to give to participants. Does not require minimal quantity. Motion made, second, and approved.

Move to adjourn. All in favor. Aye.

Jim said thanks for coming.

Minutes submitted,  
Tanya Micek